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2. SUMMARY. VIOLENCE CONTINUED THE MORNING OF JUNE FOURTH IN THE TIANANMEN SQUARE AREA. PROTESTORS CONTINUED TO SHOUT DEFIANCE AT THE TROOPS WHO THEN OPENED FIRE ON THEM. WE HAVE CONFIRMED THAT ONE AMERICAN WAS INJURED IN THE FIGHTING AND THAT AT LEAST ONE AMERICAN, A CBS EMPLOYEE, IS MISSING. CONSULATE CHENGDU REPORTS SOME 300 PROTESTORS MAY HAVE BEEN INJURED IN THAT CITY BUT THAT AS OF THE

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EARLY AFTERNOON THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF DEATHS.  
END SUMMARY.

THE TIANANMEN AREA

3. AS OF ABOUT 0330 HOURS LOCAL TROOPS WERE IN CONTROL OF TIANANMEN SQUARE, BUT PEOPLE REMAINED IN THE SURROUNDING STREETS. SPORADIC GUNFIRE CONTINUED TO BE HEARD THROUGHOUT THE CITY. BY 0430 TROOPS HAD TAKEN UP POSITION ACROSS CHANGAN BOULEVARD FACING EAST WITH A LINE OF APCs BEHIND THEM. STUDENTS IN TURN LINED UP ON CHANGAN FACING WEST TOWARD THE TROOPS. MEANWHILE, A LARGE CONVOY OF TROOPS BEGAN ENTERING TIANANMEN SQUARE FROM THE WEST. SOME 10,000 TROOPS IN THE SQUARE FORMED CONCENTRIC RINGS, ONE FACING INWARD TOWARD SOME 3,000 REMAINING DEMONSTRATORS, AND THE OTHER FACING OUTWARD. AT 0530 A COLUMN OF ABOUT 50 APCs, TANKS, AND TRUCKS ENTERED TIANANMEN FROM THE EAST. DEMONSTRATORS SHOUTED ANGRILY AT THE CONVOY AND PLA TROOPS IN TIANANMEN OPENED A BARRAGE OF RIFLE AND MACHINE GUN FIRE. WHEN THIS GUNFIRE ENDED AT 0545, A NUMBER OF CASUALTIES REMAINED LYING ON THE GROUND. AT 0620, A SECOND COLUMN OF ABOUT 40 APCs, TANKS, AND TRUCKS

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ENTERED TIANANMEN BY THE SAME ROUTE AND THE STUDENTS AGAIN MOVED INTO THE ROAD. PLA TROOPS IN TIANANMEN OPENED FIRE WITH RIFLES AND MACHINE GUNS, ONCE MORE CAUSING A LARGE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES.

4. A SIMILAR STAND-OFF CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE MORNING AND AFTERNOON OF JUNE 4. POLOFF REPORTED FROM THE BEIJING HOTEL- THAT AT 1300 AND AGAIN AT 1500 DEMONSTRATORS APPROACHED TROOPS IN TIANANMEN SQUARE. THE DEMONSTRATORS SHOUTED IN DEFIANCE AT THE TROOPS WHO, IN EACH INSTANCE, EVENTUALLY OPENED FIRE ON THE CROWDS. THIS PATTERN APPEARS TO HAVE PERSISTED SINCE EARLIER IN THE DAYS ACCORDING TO OTHER DIPLOMATIC REPORTS. AS THE CROWDS ON CHANGAN EAST OF TIANANMEN WOULD APPROACH THE TROOPS, THE TROOPS WOULD MOVE FORWARD, OFTEN OPENING FIRE, AND THE CROWDS WOULD RETREAT HURRIEDLY. AT 1020 MASSIVE MACHINE-GUN FIRE WAS REPORTED. TROOPS THEN ADVANCED IN FORMATION. THE CROWDS FLED IN PANIC AND SOON THE WHOLE OF CHANGAN BOULEVARD WAS TEMPORARILY CLEAR. AT LEAST ONE BODY WAS OBSERVED LYING IN THE STREET. AT ABOUT 1215 SOME TEN STUDENTS REPORTEDLY WENT FROM THE BEIJING HOTEL AREA TO TALK TO THE SOLDIERS AND WERE GUNNED DOWN BY THE TROOPS. TWO EXPLOSIONS WERE ALSO HEARD BETWEEN THE BEIJING HOTEL AND TIANANMEN SQUARE.

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THE JIANGUOMENWAI INTERSECTION  
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5. AT THE INTERSECTION OF JIANGUOMENWAI (THE  
EASTERN EXTENSION OF CHANGANDAJIE) AND THE SECOND  
RING ROAD, LARGE NUMBERS OF RESIDENTS CONTINUED TO  
BLOCK TROOP TRUCKS AS OF ABOUT 0500 HOURS LOCAL.

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RESIDENTS WITH WHOM POLOFF SPOKE WERE EMOTIONAL AND  
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ANGRY, CLAIMING THAT MORE THAN 10,000 PEOPLE HAD  
BEEN KILLED AT TIANANMEN SQUARE. ASKED WHY THE  
TROOPS AT THE INTERSECTION HAD NOT YET BROKEN  
THROUGH, SOME RESIDENTS CLAIMED THAT THE NEARBY  
SOLDIERS HAD NO BULLETS IN THEIR WEAPONS SINCE THESE  
UNITS WERE NOT COMPLETELY TRUSTED. MANY OF THE  
RESIDENTS SAID THERE WOULD BE A GENERAL STRIKE.

6. JUST BEFORE DAWN THE LIGHTS AT THE INTERSECTION

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WENT OUT AND SUSTAINED GUNFIRE WAS HEARD FOR SEVERAL MINUTES SENDING THE PANICKING RESIDENTS FLEEING. IN THE FIRST LIGHT OF DAWN A LARGE CONVOY OF TANKS, APCs AND TROOP TRUCKS COULD BE SEEN MOVING WEST ON JIANGUOMENWAI ACROSS THE SECOND RING ROAD OVERPASS. SINCE POLOFF OBSERVED NO FALLEN VICTIMS, IT IS POSSIBLE THE GUNFIRE WAS CHIEFLY AIMED OVERHEAD TO DISPERSE THE CROWDS. BY 0550 MOST OF THE PREVIOUSLY BLOCKED TROOP TRUCKS ON THE SECOND RING ROAD ENTRANCE RAMPS TO JIANGUOMENWAI WERE ALSO MOVING WEST TOWARD TIANANMEN SQUARE. AT ABOUT 1215 THE BODIES OF TWO SOLDIERS WERE SEEN LYING ON THE JIANGUOMENWAI OVERPASS.

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EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS  
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7. THE MORNING OF JUNE 4 EMBOFFS RECEIVED SEVERAL EYEWITNESS REPORTS BY PHONE OF THE NIGHT'S EVENTS. A CHINESE AMERICAN CALLING FROM HER HOTEL REPORTED HAVING EARLIER SEEN A TANK RUN OVER 11 PEOPLE NEAR XIDAN. SHE ALSO CLAIMED THAT MILITARY PERSONNEL WERE SEEN WALKING DOWN THE STREETS BREAKING THE WINDOWS OF SHOPS, BANKS AND OTHER BUILDINGS.  
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8. A CHINESE-AMERICAN JOURNALIST REPORTED THAT FROM WHAT HE HAD SEEN AT TIANANMEN SQUARE, THE SOLDIERS DID NOT FIGHT BACK AT FIRST AND SEEMED ASTOUNDED BY THE RECEPTION THEY WERE RECEIVING. HE SAW STUDENTS TRYING UNSUCCESSFULLY TO RESTRAIN THE CROWDS. HE SAW CROWDS ATTACKING AND APPARENTLY KILLING SOLDIERS IN A TANK THEY HAD MANAGED TO STOP. EMBOFF WITNESSED THIS SAME INCIDENT, IN WHICH TWO SOLDIERS WERE ROASTED ALIVE INSIDE THE APC AND A THIRD WAS KILLED BY A MOB WHEN HE LEFT THE VEHICLE. THE JOURNALIST TRIED TO STOP THE CROWD FROM BEATING ONE SOLDIER AND THE CROWD TURNED ON HIM. HE WAS KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS AND AWOKE IN CAPITOL HOSPITAL. THE DOCTORS THERE TOLD HIM AT 0800 THAT THEY ESTIMATED THAT 1700 PEOPLE HAD BEEN KILLED.

9. ON AMERICAN EYEWITNESS SAW AN APC CRASH THROUGH TWO ARMY TRUCKS ON JIANGUOMENWAI KILLING ONE OF THE SOLDIER DRIVERS.

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MISSING AMERICANS  
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10. ONE U.S. CITIZEN IS IN GOOD CONDITION AT XIEHE HOSPITAL AFTER BEING HIT IN THE HEAD BY A BATON WHEN TROOPS SEIZED TIANANMEN SQUARE. EMBASSY HAS SPOKEN

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WITH HIM BY PHONE AND HAS SENT A U.S. CONSULAR OFFICER TO VISIT HIM.

11. DURING THE COURSE OF THE NIGHT, IT WAS REPORTED THAT TWO CNN, TWO NBC, AND TWO CBS EMPLOYEES WERE MISSING. ALL EXCEPT ONE OF THE CBS EMPLOYEES, WHO IS A NEW ZEALANDER, WERE AMERICAN. ALL HAVE NOW BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR EXCEPT FOR THE TWO CBS EMPLOYEES

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WHO WERE LAST SEEN AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF  
TIANANMEN SQUARE AT 0500 HOURS LOCAL. THE NEW  
ZEALANDER WAS LAST SEEN BEING LED AWAY BY TROOPS  
TOWARD THE SOUTH ENTRANCE OF THE GREAT HALL OF THE  
PEOPLE. NO ONE WITNESSED THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE  
AMERICAN. WE HAVE CONTACTED THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERN ABOUT THE SAFETY OF  
THE AMERICAN AND TO REQUEST THAT INQUIRIES BE MADE  
INTO HIS WHEREABOUTS.

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12. EMBASSY HAS ALSO RECEIVED SKETCHY REPORTS THAT  
TWO OTHER AMERICANS ARE MISSING, BUT WE HAVE BEEN  
UNABLE TO CONFIRM THIS.

THE SITUATION IN CHENGDU

13. CONSULATE CHENGDU REPORTED AT 1250 THAT ALL

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CONSULATE PERSONNEL AND, AS FAR AS THEY KNOW, ALL U.S. CITIZENS IN CHENGDU ARE SAFE. AT ABOUT 0300 SEVERAL HUNDRED ARMED TROOPS, PROBABLY FROM THE PEOPLE'S ARMED POLICE, MOVED INTO THE AREA OF STUDENT DEMONSTRATORS. AT ABOUT 0730 SOME 50 STUDENT PROTESTORS WERE ARRESTED AND TAKEN AWAY. THE TROOPS HAVE CLUBBED DEMONSTRATORS AND, ACCORDING TO STUDENT REPORTS, SOME 300 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN WOUNDED. THERE HAVE BEEN, HOWEVER, NO REPORTS OF DEATHS. THE CROWDS APPEARED TO BE GROWING LARGER LATE THIS MORNING AND THE TROOPS HAVE ATTEMPTED TO CONTROL THEM USING TEAR GAS AND WATER. PEOPLE HAVE BEEN THROWING STONES AND BOTTLES AT THE TROOPS, BUT THE TROOPS HAD THUS FAR NOT OPENED FIRE. STUDENTS WERE WORKING TO HAVE MORE OF THEIR COLLEAGUES JOIN THE PROTEST. LILLEY

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